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Dear Sir:

Enclosed and attached hereto are the following documents:

- (1) Cover Letter with Certificate of Mailing (1 pg.);
- (2) Amendment (\underline{q} pgs.);
- (3) Amended Specification pages 6-14 (9 pgs.);
- (4) Amended Abstract (1 pg.)
- (4) Paul & Paul postcard to be returned by PTO.

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

In response to a non-final Office Action dated September 4, 2003, to which a response is due by December 4, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

The specification stands objected to for informalities: at page 7, line 10 (duplicate use of numeral 22 for different elements); at page 9, lines 10-11 (duplicate use of numeral 40 for different elements); at page 11, line 37 (need to indicate element not shown); and at page 12, line 1 (need to indicate two elements not shown - first and second instance).

The specification at pages 7, 9, 11, and 12 has been amended to correct these informalities. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, amended substitute pages are attached.

The Examiner also invited the applicants to review the remainder of the specification.

Pages 6 - 14 have been amended to remove inconsistencies in referring to like elements that are present in plural numbers. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, amended substitute pages 6-14 are attached.